

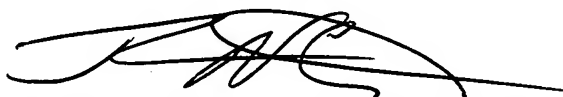
REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 12, 2007, Applicants elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-21 and elects Species 3 depicted in Figures 5-6, having an occlusive device disposed within a fastener. Currently, Claims 1-21 read on the elected species, and Claims 1, 19, and 22 are generic to all species.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present invention define subject matter patentable over the references cited by the Office and that the application is in condition for allowance. Should the Office believe that anything further is desirable to place the application in better condition for allowance, the Office is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the below listed telephone number.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 03-2469. Moreover, if the deposit account contains insufficient funds, the Commissioner is hereby invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to arrange payment.

Respectfully submitted,



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